

Page 25, line 8, change "Fig. 10" to --Fig. 11--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 17 and 24 as follows:

1           17.    A tangible medium storing a plurality of program instructions, said program  
Subj   instructions when executed by a processor causing a network device [to carry out a method  
B [3] of] [reading] read data from [the] a remote memory of a remote device directly to [its] a local  
4 memory[, said method comprising] of a local device by:  
A2 5                sending a message from said local device to said remote device, said message including  
6 a transport header indicating the message type of said message;  
7                processing said message, in said remote device, to determine whether or not the  
8 transport header of said message identifies the message as a type of remote Direct Memory  
9 Access (rDMA) read operation; and  
10              if the remote device determines from the transport header of said message that the  
11 message is said type of remote Direct Memory Access (rDMA) read operation, then  
12 performing a remote Direct Memory Access (rDMA) write operation to said local device in  
13 accordance with data elements included in said message;  
14              sending a message from said local device to said remote device, said message including  
15 a transport header indicating the message type of said message;  
16              processing said message, in said remote device, to determine whether or not the  
17 transport header of said message identifies the message as a type of remote Direct Memory  
18 Access (rDMA) read operation; and

19 if the remote device determines from the transport header of said message that the  
20 message is said type of remote Direct Memory Access (rDMA) read operation, then  
21 performing a remote Direct Memory Access (rDMA) write operation to said local device in  
22 accordance with data elements included in said message.

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24. The tangible medium recited in claim [7] 17, wherein the completion of the  
2 data transfer is processed in the local device, based on the immediate data that arrives with the  
3 last data segments of each rDMA write operation by the remote device.

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